

## RESOLUTION FL-AL 08-34

### A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO INCREASE FREIGHT RAIL HAULING CAPACITY

**WHEREAS**, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the Governors of Florida and Alabama as being responsible, together with the States of Florida and Alabama, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Florida-Alabama TPO Planning Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Freight rail hauling capacity is an important component of our local and national intermodal transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, the efficient movement of goods is directly related to the strength of our local and national economy and our citizens' quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, public policies promoting increased investment in freight rail infrastructure would result in increased freight rail hauling capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, Go21, a national lobbying group for the rail industry, has requested TPOs to support their efforts for Congress to create federal investment tax incentives to increase freight rail hauling capacity and oppose any effort to re-regulate freight railroads; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal investment tax incentives is the type of legislation that the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials says is needed to accommodate increasing freight volumes and realize the public benefits that come from shipping more freight by rail;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:**

1. The TPO supports the Go21 mission of building a stronger economy, reducing highway congestion, improving air quality, using tax dollars more efficiently, and improving quality of life by advocating for increased use of freight rail transportation; and
2. The TPO supports federal investment tax incentives to increase freight rail hauling capacity and opposes any effort to re-regulate freight railroads.

Passed and duly adopted by the Florida- Alabama Transportation Planning Organization on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008.

**FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: 

Bob Cole, Chairman

  
ATTEST:

